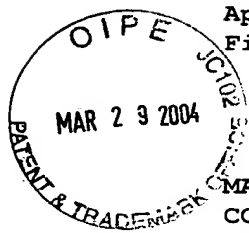


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. ☐ Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ Enclosed is/are

☐ Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

☒ PTO-1449

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☐ Other (identify): \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.

5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

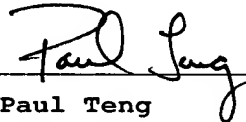
       RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

       Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

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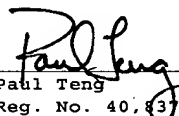
7.   X   Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

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